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*Cyprus: British patrols are maintaining a tenuous truce, but local incidents could lead to large-scale violence and even Turkish armed intervention.

The British are airlifting 700 more troops to their bases in southern Cyprus. These troops will replace those patrolling Nicosia, where most of the intercommunal fighting is taking place. A paratroop brigade has also been alerted for movement to Cyprus.

The truce enforced by the British has markedly reduced the fighting in Nicosia. However, both Greek and Turkish irregulars are apparently maintaining--if not augmenting--their positions in Nicosia, and probably in other areas of Cyprus where the populations are mixed. The situation is being further strained by the lack of unified control among armed Greek Cypriot irregulars.

Military preparedness for a possible move against Cyprus is continuing in southern Turkey. If the present tripartite arrangements on Cyprus break down, Turkish army, navy and air force units are ready to move in. Turkish leaders are clearly aware of the serious repercussions of such a drastic move, however, and would probably move on Cyprus only as a last resort.

Turks, especially student groups, are angered over continuing reports of anti-Turkish violence on Cyprus. Thus far, authorities have successfully repressed demonstrations.

Meanwhile, Greek Premier Paraskevopoulos called an emergency meeting early this morning of the chiefs of

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[redacted] staff, minister of defense and party leaders. According to press reports from Athens, the Greek armed forces have been placed on a state of immediate readiness.

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USSR-Syria: A shipment of MIG-21 (Fishbed) Soviet jet fighters apparently is en route to Syria. The last deliveries of MIG-21s were in mid-1963 when arrived. Other shipments in 1963 included T-54 tanks in September and Komar guided missile boats in December. All these deliveries probably were made under the 1962 arms deal.

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